in reservoir regulation policy even at the cost of sacrificing some irrigation or power benefits;

(b) if so, whether the policy documents have been forwarded to all concerned departments, including State Governments to implement them;

(c) whether State Governments have also been asked to provide in water storage projects wherever feasible, to facilitate better flood management; and

(d) to what extent it had proved successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, this is a part of National Water Policy-2002.

(b) National Water Policy-2002 and the Report of Task Force for Flood Management/Erosion Control-2004 are already circulated to all concerned departments/State Governments.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per National Water Policy-2002 State Governments shall provide adequate flood cushion in water storage projects, wherever feasible.

(d) Flood Management being State subject, the State Governments have been advised to prepare the State Water Policy and a road map for its implementation.

Revision of Indus Basin Treaty 1960

2413. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indus Basin Treaty, 1960 has been reviewed;

(b) what is percentage of catchment area conceded by India as compared to Pakistan;

(c) whether we have demanded some quantity of water from Western rivers *i.e.* Chenab and Jhelum;

(d) whether Government consulted the experts to study sustainability of the treaty;

(e) if so, what is the outcome; and

(f) if not, what action is being contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Indus Waters Treaty 1960 was signed on 19.09.1960 and there has been no review of the Treaty by the two countries ever since.

(b) There is no reference in the Treaty to the catchment area conceded by either country.

(c) Under the Treaty, India has already been permitted use of the waters of Western Rivers *i.e.* Indus, Jhelum and Chenab for specified limits of "Irrigated Cropped Area" and storage for specified purposes, and unrestricted power generation from Run-of-River Plants subject to certain specified criteria.

(d) Experts had been consulted recently for effective presentation of India's position in the matter of Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant before a Neutral Expert appointed by the World Bank under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty.

(e) and (f) Pursuant to the decision of the Neutral Expert, India is in a position to completed the Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant as designed, with a few minor modifications. Adoption of modern technology in India's design has been permitted. The decision also provides for India to resort to annual drawing down of reservoir for its maintenance and sustainability.

Assistance to backward States under AIBP

†2414. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to amend the criteria fixed for providing

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.